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Mr. Gerald Mason, left, President of the Agawam Athletic Association and Louis H. Guevin, Jr., Publisher of the Agawam Advertiser/News are shown holding the "Outstanding Athlete" award which the two organizations will present to outstanding senior high school athletes. Ballots for voting for the award will appear in next week's edition. The award is presently on display at the Agawam High School. photo by Jack Devine

Police Chief Counters School Committee Criticism

Agawam Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski recently responded to criticism leveled against his department by members of the School Committee by stating, "we can't do much more than 'zilch' if no one tells us what they want."

Chmielewski was referring to School Committee allegations that the North Street-North Westfield Street area was unsafe for children who walk to school because of inaction on the Police department's part. Controversy has erupted over the fact that some children are walking from the Tom and Elizabeth Street area to the

Junior High School on Springfield Street. Several of the Junior High parents approached the School Committee and requested that their children be put back on the busses they have recently been taken off of, even though, the distance from the area to the school is within the mile and a half limit imposed by the School Committee.

The School Committee had originally voted to ask the Town Council for a transfer of funds to provide the additional bus, but later tabled any action on the bus issue until they had a chance to look into the matter in

more detail.

Chmielewski commented, "if the North Street or North Westfield Street sidewalks are unsafe, they're all unsafe." He also noted that "these are the same sidewalks the kids walk on and ride their bikes on in the summer. What has changed to make them so unsafe now?"

Chmielewski said that his department regularly patrols the roads in question and frequently radar traps are often set on both of the roads. "It's a very sad thing when an elective body does something on their own, with their supposed expertise, then

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Troie Benefit a Success

Agawam Chief of Police Stanley Chmielewski wishes to commend the behavior of the several hundred residents who attended the benefit for Bryan Troie held last October 8th at the Polish-American Club on Southwick Street. Chmielewski said that even though there were that many people, most of whom were drinking beer, there were no problems that necessitated police involvement. Chmielewski especially praised those persons in charge of the affair for the excellent job done in running it. Co-chairmen for the Bryan Troie Benefit were Ted Kopyscinski, Joe Pisano, and Aldo Mancini, Jr.

A profit of over \$6,000 was reported to have been raised

to aid Bryan in his treatment against the paralysis that resulted from an accident last summer. Several articles that had been donated by area businessmen and individuals were raffled off to help raise this money, and the grand prize TV set was won by Cathy Hershey of Agawam.

Principal donations were made by the following: Frederick Nardi, Ray Stone Pontiac-Buick, Polish-American Club Women's Auxiliary, Agawam Auxiliary Police, S & S Distributing, Polish-American Club, Agawam Softball Association of Umpires, Albert Christopher, wives of the members of the Moose Club softball team, Gus Tomassetti and all

musicians, William Stapleton Bolduc's Trophies and Sporting Goods, Lenny Schrader, Commercial Distributing Co., Baldwin, Simons, and Campbell, Peter Pan Bus Lines, Gino's Package Store, the Boston Red Sox, Danny Sullivan, Alfred Barth, Robert and Helen Deforge, Stanley Home Products, John O'Connor, Alfred Seiffert, and Leo Barnard.

While the benefit was going on, an independent group of three CBER's known by the code names of Frosty, Mamma Whale, and Nova held a 24-hour coffee break for truckers and donated the proceeds of over \$200 to the Bryan Troie fund.

There were many, many more donations made and for which the Troie Committee is very grateful. Donations are still being accepted for the next two months and may be mailed to

Bryan Troie Fund
P.O. Box 454

Agawam, MA 01001
According to Chief Chmielewski, this benefit is an excellent example of how the townspeople of Agawam can get together to help one of their own when he needs it.

School Committee Tables Bus Problem

The Agawam School Committee has voted 5-2 to table any further action on the school bus situation at North-North Westfield Streets until they receive more information. Two weeks ago, the committee voted to ask the Town Council for funds for an additional bus because of overcrowding.

Town resident Gerald Mason, who was a member of the Sidewalk Committee and involved in the layout of sidewalks on North Westfield St. and other areas of the town, spoke in opposition to the new bus. He questioned whether the 19 students who have not been allowed to take the bus were within the 1 1/2 mile limit. He indicated that "there are other areas in town that are as hazardous, if not more so." He told the committee, "You will be changing your own rules that have been in effect for 18 years if you bus kids who live within the 1 1/2 mile limit."

Mrs. James Wheeler, one of the parents from the North Street area, told the committee, "The point we are trying to make is not the 19 kids who need bussing, even though they were riding before, but it's the overcrowding throughout the system. Grammar school kids are riding four in a seat on some buses in town."

School business manager James Coon stated, "The bus is overloaded as to the number I would like to see," referring to the bus from the North Street area.

For various reasons,

several committee members were confused so they voted to table the request to the Town Council and to ask them to table their agenda item until more information can be obtained.

Committeeman Walter Balboni misunderstood the administration's statement that funds were not available in the budget. He indicated that "there are \$7700 unencumbered monies available" according to the computer print-out. Dr. Cannava replied, "The monies would be available for the bus, but other programs would have to be cut." He further indicated that that information had been discussed two weeks previously.

Committeewoman Jessie Fuller said she had received "vibrations" from the Town Council that the funds would not be transferred. Committeewoman Roberta Doering requested input from the town Safety Officer or Chief of Police before making a decision.

After the vote was taken, Jerry Mason told the committee, "You will look like a bunch of fools if you approve the new bus for these junior high school students when grammar school kids are walking the same route."

In other business, the first reading was made of a draft which would change the agenda format. The change would delay action on any item that was not on the agenda. If any action is brought before the committee

that was not on the agenda, then it cannot be voted on at that meeting. The change was recommended by Richard Borgatti, who indicated that it would give them time in which to make a decision and would eliminate making any snap decision.

The committee also discussed the problems at graduation last June. Agawam High School Principal David Theodorowicz requested a change of location from the Eastern States grounds to the high school athletic field for an outside ceremony. He indicated that he would get more details in answer to several questions raised by committee members and would get back to the committee at a future meeting. The questions ranged from police coverage to rain dates.

Second grade class size at Robinson Park School was discussed. Presently, there are 33 students in each of the classes. Dr. Cannava indicated that he would be looking for parents to volunteer to move their children to Danahy School, where class size is more manageable. Any new registrants would be enrolled at Danahy, where class size is 22 students.

Dr. Cannava also discussed the Pheasant Hill area where some "145 new children" will be living by February 1979. The make-up of ages is not known at this point, but could cause problems. He indicated that they would keep a close watch on the situation.

Real Estate Tax Bills Late

Real Estate Tax bills were mailed to all town residents on Friday, October 13, according to Town Treasurer and Collector, David Gallano.

Gallano said that residents should disregard the November 1 deadline for payment of the bills because of the late mailing.

Gallano said that payment is now due on November 13, 1978. After that date, residents will be charged interest on their bills at 10 percent annually.

Gallano asked that if any taxpayers receive bills for property that they no longer own or have recently sold, they should return the bill to the Town Hall immediately,

with the name of the new owner if possible.

Homeowners making payments to a bank should forward the tax bill to that bank as soon as possible, said Gallano.

If anyone has any questions, they should contact the treasurer's office at the Town Hall by phoning 786-0400.



Michelle Doiron, a fourth grader at Consolidated School, Southwick, proudly displays her Apple Pig. The fruit and vegetable animals were made in the classes of Joan Hagan and Mary Devine as part of a unit on nutrition. photo by Linda McQuade

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They are right! Because everything comes out just fine.

Robert Morley, veteran actor lately become famous for his "Visit Britain" ads for British Airways, serves as jovial ringmaster of the Chipperfield Circus, England's oldest and largest tent circus. Nine generations of Chipperfields, noted primarily as extraordinary animal trainers and presenters, have been thrilling circus goers since the days of the pilgrims in 1684.

Three generations of Chipperfields contribute to this Home Box Office presentation. Dick Chipperfield, Jr., who was a centering attraction with the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus, is making his first public appearance since a severe mauling by a black panther. His father, Dick Chipperfield, Sr., discusses the circus with Morley. And little Dick, III—five years old—keeps Morley company between acts.

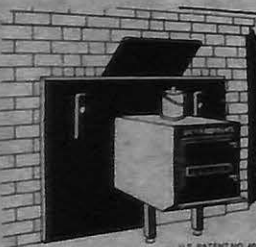
Joining the famous Chipperfields are some of the best international circus acts from all over the world.

Dutch-born lion-tamer, William Vos is the man who tempts fate by putting his head into the mouth of a full-grown male lion. Not content with this feat, he anchors a peice of red raw meat across his throat, completely covering his jugular vein, and invites one of the big cats to dine there. The meat is gobbled up in one bite. Vos later plays mattress to the lions, who lie down on him.

The special act of the show belongs to the Hermans, a gravity-defying husband and wife balancing act from Spain. After climbing a 30-foot pole from her husband's mouth, Senora Herman strings a thin wire, held taut by two little poles, and frolics in a thrilling high wire act.

Home Box Office viewers will enjoy these and many more circus thrills and chills that usually come only once a year. "The Best of the Chipperfield Circus" can be seen on HBO October 20, 24, and 30.

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School Lunch Menus

Agawam School Lunch Menu

Tuesday-October 17-Steamed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, potato puffs, mustard, relish, ketchup, spice cake with butter icing, milk.

Wednesday-October 18-Chilled fruit punch, spaghetti w/meat sauce, creamy cole slaw, italian bread and butter, orange jello w/whip topping, milk.

Thursday-October 19-# tuna salad sandwich, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, fresh carrot and celery sticks, potato chips, apple crisp, milk.

Friday-October 20-Meat ball grinder w/tomato sauce topping, oven french fries, buttered green beans, white cake w/hot fudge sauce, milk.

Monday-October 23-Pizza w/cheese & tomato sauce topping, tossed salad w/spinach greens & vinegar-oil dressing, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

Tuesday-October 24-Cold cut grinder w/lettuce & cheese, mustard or mayonnaise, buttered niblet corn, peach cobbler, milk.

Wednesday-October 25-Apple juice, filet of haddock sandwich w/tartar sauce or ketchup, creamy cole slaw, ice cream, milk.

Thursday-October 26-White meat turkey in gravy with whipped potatoes, buttered sweet peas & carrots, cranberry sauce, rye bread and butter, chocolate cake w/vanilla icing, milk.

Friday-October 27-NO SCHOOL, TEACHERS CONVENTION.

Southwick School Lunch Menu

Tuesday-October 20-Beef Chow Mein w/noodles, buttered mixed vegetables, chilled applesauce, bread & butter, milk.

Wednesday-October 21-Oven baked frankfurters w/buttered roll, mustard, catsup and sweet relish, tator tots, lemon cobbler, milk.

Thursday-October 19-Spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed salad w/dressing, buttered french bread, chilled pears and milk.

Friday-October 20-Tunafish salad roll w/lettuce, potato chips, buttered whole kernel corn, strawberry jello w/peaches, milk.

Monday-October 23-Tomato rice soup w/saltines, ham and cheese sandwich, carrot and celery sticks, chilled peaches, milk.

Tuesday-October 24-Pizza on English Muffin, buttered corn, tossed green salad w/dressing, vanilla pudding w/ topping, milk.

Wednesday-October 25-Hamburger on bun, catsup, mustard and dill slices, french fries, lettuce and tomato salad, cookies, milk.

Thursday-October 26-Beef chow mein w/noodles, buttered mixed vegetables, chilled applesauce, bread and butter, milk.

Friday-October 27-NO SCHOOL, TEACHERS CONVENTION.

Home Box Office Listings

Tuesday
October 17, 1978

5:30 A PIECE OF THE ACTION (PG-2:15)
8:00 RETURN OF A MAN CALLED HORSE (PG-2:09)
10:30 NEIL DIAMOND: LOVE AT THE GREEK
11:00 THE GAUNTLET (R-1:48)

Wednesday
October 18, 1978

6:00 A MAN CALLED HORSE (PG-1:54)
8:00 Exclusive: UP CLOSE
9:00 W.W. AND THE DIXIE DANCE KINGS (PG-1:34)
11:00 A LION IN WINTER (PG-2:09)

Thursday
October 19, 1978

6:00 DAY FOR NIGHT (PG-1:54)
8:00 Football: INSIDE THE NFL

9:00 Standing Room Only: PAUL AND HIS LADIES
10:30 JOSEPH ANDREWS (R-1:43)
12:30 DAY FOR NIGHT (PG-1:54)

Friday
October 20, 1978

5:30 Special: BEST OF THE CHIPPERFIELD CIRCUS
7:00 Football: INSIDE THE NFL
8:00 Feature Showing: ROLLING THUNDER (R-1:39)
10:00 Special: UP CLOSE
11:00 "OH, GOD!" (PG-1:44)
1:00 WHIFFS (PG-1:32)

Saturday
October 21, 1978

3:00 A LION IN WINTER (PG-2:09)
5:30 Football: INSIDE THE NFL
6:30 Standing Room Only: TOM AND TINA
8:00 Feature Showing: \$1,000,000 DUCK (G-1:32)
9:30 Feature Showing: FIRE SALE (PG-1:28)
11:00 THE GAUNTLET (R-1:48)
1:00 "SEPTEMBER 30, 1955" (PG-1:41)

Sunday
October 22, 1978

2:30 A MAN CALLED HORSE (PG-1:54)
4:30 RETURN OF A MAN CALLED HORSE (PG-2:09)
7:00 On Location: MYRON COHEN REVISITED
8:00 Feature Showing: THE OTHER SIDE OF MIDNIGHT (R-2:45)
11:00 BARBARILLA (PG-1:38)
1:00 On Location: MYRON COHEN REVISITED

Monday
October 23, 1978

5:00 W.W. AND THE DIXIE DANCE KINGS (PG-1:34)
7:00 NEIL DIAMOND: LOVE AT THE GREEK
8:00 ROLLING THUNDER (R-1:39)
10:00 BLACK OAK CONSPIRACY (R-1:34)
11:35 Standing Room Only: PAUL AND HIS LADIES

Tuesday
October 24, 1978

6:30 Special: BEST OF THE CHIPPERFIELD CIRCUS
8:00 FIRE SALE (PG-1:28)
9:30 Boxing: BOXING BEHIND BARS
10:30 I NEVER PROMISED YOU A ROSE GARDEN (R-1:32)
12:00 THE GAUNTLET (R-1:48)

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CENTER CUT BOTTOM ROUND ROAST	\$1.79 lb.

Dubuque All-Beef Franks	\$1.49lb.	Dubuque Miss Iowa Bacon	\$1.49lb.
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Social



Mrs. John A. Martino

Jan Downey Weds John Martino

Jan M. Downey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin J. Downey of 691 Southwest Street, Feeding Hills, became the bride of John A. Martino, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bruce

Sparrow of 32 Beekman Drive, Agawam, on Saturday, Oct. 14, 1978 at St. Joseph's Church, Springfield.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was Mrs. Jacquelyn Slamon, the bride's sister. Other attendants included Mrs. Judith Kortabani, Karen Childs, Christine Ekstedt, Vicki Kortabani and serving as flower girl, Miss Toni Kortabani. All are residents of Agawam.

Serving as best man was Richard Howe, and ushers were David Mezzetti, Steven Hare, Chris Sorenson and ring bearer Scott Sparrow, brother of the groom. All are also from Agawam.

A wedding reception followed the 11 o'clock ceremony at the Wykoff Park Country Club, Holyoke. The bride is employed by Frank and Tito of Agawam, and the groom is employed by Choice Vend, Windsor Locks, Conn.

The couple will honeymoon in Canada and will make their residence in West Springfield.

Wrights Welcome Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. David Wright of 788 North West St., Feeding Hills, wish to announce the birth of their first child, Amie Elizabeth. Their daughter was born on October 7, 1978 at 10:17 a.m. She weighed 9 lbs., 1 1/2 oz. and measured 22 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Labun of 82 Kensington St., Feeding Hills. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Wright of 17 Federal Ave., Agawam.

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Dianne Giordano Enters Med School

Dianne C. Giordano of Agawam is a first-year student at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester. Ms. Giordano is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barnard and is a graduate of Springfield Tech and UMASS Amherst.

The entering class of one hundred students, all Massachusetts residents, comes from every corner of the Commonwealth. This is the ninth class to enter the UMASS Medical School, which opened in 1970. Five classes have been graduated since then.

Jr. Women to Meet

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold its regular meeting on Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. at the Capt. Leonard House on Main Street. President Diana Willard will chair the business session, with the featured program set to begin at 9:00.

Both plant lovers and homemakers alike will find this meeting intriguing because Mrs. Fran Waga of Feeding Hills and her daughter will speak on the cultivation, drying, and arranging of preserved flower bouquets. Any women of the community wishing to join in are welcome to attend.

Phelps PTO

The Phelps School PTO will hold its second meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the school. There will be a short business meeting followed by a very informative lecture by Sister Joyce Wise, who will speak on youth and values. Sister Joyce is a Sister of St. Joseph and a former teacher. She now works with delinquent youths in the area.

Refreshments will be served.



Mrs. Robert John Kelley

Jean Hoy Weds Robert Kelley

On Friday, October 13, 1978 in a 6:00 p.m. ceremony at St. John's Church, Agawam, Jean Ellen Hoy became the bride of Robert John Kelley. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Hoy, the third, of 67 Campbell Drive, Agawam. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene E. Kelley Jr. of 44 Elbert Road, Agawam.

Serving as the honor attendants for the couple were Jean Choiniere, sister of the bride, and Kenneth C. Kelley,

brother of the groom.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kelley were graduated from Agawam High School. The bride is employed at Occidental Life Insurance in West Springfield. The groom is employed at Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Colosseum Banquet House, West Springfield.

The couple will reside in West Springfield.

Country

Fair Bazaar

The annual Country Fair Bazaar of the Agawam Methodist Church will be held at the church, 459 Mill St. (across from the high school) on Friday, Oct. 27th from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is cordially invited and there is no admission charge.

A public ham, baked-bean, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls and butter, beverage, and dessert supper will be served following the bazaar. Servings will be continuous from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling Karen Morassi at 786-0773.

Karen Morassi is chairing the bazaar, and Bob Fearn and Bob Broga are co-chairing the supper.

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Aruba	Feb. 17, 1979	549.95* PP
St. Martin	Feb. 17, 1979	549.95* PP
Las Vegas	Feb. 16-19, 1979	349.00* PP
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Las Vegas	Mar. 10, 1979	699.00* PP
Aruba	Mar. 24, 1979	469.95* PP
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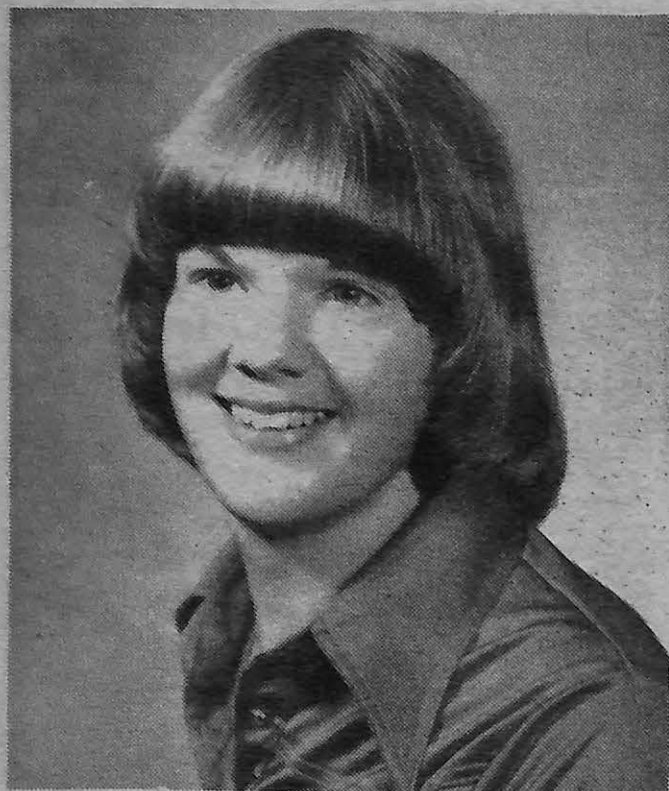
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Janet Marie Berrelli

Janet Marie Berrelli Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Berrelli, Sr. of Agawam are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Janet Marie to Robert Paul Beaudette, also of Agawam. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. Beaudette of 125 Brien St., Agawam.

Janet and Robert, both graduates of Agawam High School, were elected "class couple" on their senior year. Janet is currently employed by the Hartz Mountain Corp. in West Springfield. Robert, while attending a technical school majoring in blueprint reading, is employed by Marbo Construction located in North Carolina.

The "to be newlyweds" have planned an early spring wedding.

Jr. Women's Halloween Party for Vets

Members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club will be busy baking this week! On Thursday, Oct. 19th, they will be bringing baked goods to the Holyoke Soldiers Home for a Halloween Party. If there are any women who would like to join in, feel free to come to the Agawam Juniors club meeting at the Capt. Leonard House on Oct. 17th or to contact Mrs. Barbara O'Connor (786-6772).

Visually Handicapped Voter Info

The Agawam Public Libraries have free material for he visually handicapped voters of Massachusetts. This material includes the *Massachusetts Information For Voters 1978* in braille, records and in large print. Anyone who would like this material, please contact us.

Harvest Swirl Dinner Dance

The annual Harvest Swirl Dinner Dance sponsored by the Agawam Catholic Women's Club is being held on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. in the social center of St. John the Evangelist Church, 823 Main St., Agawam.

A prime rib of beef dinner will be catered by Lilyan's, and Jerry LeHouiller will provide music for dancing. Club members and friends are invited to this social affair. Members will be contacted for reservations.

Mrs. Bernard Tatro and Mrs. Robert Wysocki are co-chairing this event. They are being assisted by Mrs. Robert Carney, Mrs. Richard Conway, Mrs. James Davis, Mrs. Richard Fields, Mrs. William Hayes, Mrs. Stephen Jacapraro, Mrs. Philip Malinoski, Mrs. Charles Maniscalchi, Mrs. Russell Morgan, Mrs. Claude Quellette, Mrs. Louis Plante, Mrs. John Polopek, Mrs. Robert Shoemaker, and Mrs. Alexander Toczko.

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Chicken Pie Supper

The Ladies Aid Society of Agawam Congregational Church will hold its annual Chicken Pie Supper on Oct. 26th. There will be two sittings, one at 5:00 and one at 6:15, in the church social room at 745 Main Street.

Featured on the menu will be chicken pie, mashed potatoes, squash, cabbage salad, cranberry sauce, pickles, rolls, beverages, and homemade apple pie. Children under 12 will be admitted at a reduced price.

Accepting reservations are Mrs. George Andrews, 80 Elbert Road, and Mrs. James Brown, 662 Main St. Reservations close Tuesday, Oct. 24th.

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Editorials



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to the recent flurry of allegations from management and a certain few dollar conscious taxpayers.

I would like to bring forth a few points of interest in the department of public works employees behalf. Since everyone is riding in the wake of Proposition Thirteen, and the tax reformation movement, they seem to be economic and efficiency experts on the inner functions of this department.

The unfortunate result of this trend is that they have a common scapegoat: the town employees. It is difficult trying to please the wide range of personalities in the resident public. Many instances have arisen where people have called or complained of employee misconduct but refuse to identify themselves, possibly due to shallow reality of the complaint.

Unlike the people who were employed in this department years ago who may have lived up to public criticism, the stereo-typing of the current employee cannot be justified by past performances. The people now employed by this department make up a new breed of public employee. They are job conscious and have an interest in their work.

It is these individuals who spend countless tiring hours

away from their warm homes and families during the winter to provide you with clear safe streets to drive upon, and Agawam's snow removal program is unparalleled, one of the finest in our area.

These same individuals repair sewer blockages and broken water mains, many times through the small hours of the night and morning, so that you can have that cup of coffee when you get up in the morning.

There are many creditable tasks performed by these employees; the jobs performed are too numerous to mention. So, the next time you pass a town vehicle or a job site with individuals "standing around" and say to yourself, "there goes my tax dollar going to waste," just stop and think that these same people provide you with an invaluable service.

They are proud of the services they render and have a conscientious attitude toward their job; their work is the betterment of your community.

Mark Bielinski
Agawam Department of
Public Works Employees
Association

Zero Base Budgeting in Agawam?

by Peter Caputo

Agawam Town Manager

In recent years the term zero base budgeting has been floating around in government circles. Recent taxpayer awareness has finally prodded governmental officials to take a closer look at budgets and expenditures.

It is the responsibility of each and every citizen and public servant to work together in holding the tax rate down.

On the local level in towns and cities department heads and managers must constantly review expenditures and delivery services to a community.

The citizen response must be one of keeping the demand for services at a realistic level.

This year Agawam is embarking on a zero base approach in its annual budget. On September 25 this office arranged for a training seminar that all the department heads attended in order to acquaint themselves with the zero base concept.

Traditionally in governmental budgeting, the previous year's budget was reproduced with requests for additions to that specific budget. Matters taken into account were inflation and requests for additional personnel and supplies. Very little attention was given to inventories, obsolete programs, and research and development.

Zero base approach budgeting in our community means that we will use an operating, planning, and budgeting process which will require each department head to justify his entire budget request in detail from scratch, hence zero base.

This approach requires that all activities in a budget be identified in what we call "decision packages." This enables the manager to evaluate our services by a systematic way and then rank them in order of importance and finally fund them based on need and our mission and priorities.

One problem we must face at town hall is the fact that we are in too many businesses that are not consistent with municipal services. Our primary mission is to keep the town safe and clean. This is the reason man set up community living in the first place. Whenever we vary from that mission we find costs going up.

Zero base approach to budgeting locally will shed light on our delivery services, their effectiveness, and their costs. This then will enable the council and the manager to consider and approve a new budget without the old fat in it.

NOTE: More on municipal services and mission in future activities.

Obituaries

Erminio A. Cecchi

Erminio A. Cecchi, 66, of 1131 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, founder of Cecchi Farms and president of E. Cecchi & Sons, Inc. died last Monday, October 9, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Mr. Cecchi was born in Italy, and lived in Feeding Hills for the past forty five years. He was a member of the Springfield Market Association, the Farm Bureau Federation, and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills.

He leaves his wife, Anna (Ferraro) Cecchi; a son, Robert J. of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Carol Fontaine of Florida; two sisters and five grandchildren.

The funeral was last Thursday at the Curran-Jones Funeral Home, Sacred Heart Church, and burial was in Springfield Street Cemetery.

James A. Ferrarini

James A. Ferrarini, 66, of 232 Walnut St., Agawam, died last Monday, October 9, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam for fifty years. He was retired from the Perkins Machine and Gear Co., West Springfield, was a member of the Masons, Melha Temple Shrine and Victor Emmanuel Club.

Mr. Ferrarini leaves his wife, Josephine (Albanese) Ferrarini; two daughters, Theresa Strain of Minn. and Shirley Lombard of East Sandwich; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Congregational Church. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Romuald Chouinard

Romuald Chouinard, 75, of 49 Broz Terrace died last Tuesday, October 10, while vacationing in Canada.

Mr. Chouinard was a retired worker for the G.J. Roy Co. in Chicopee.

He leaves his wife, Germaine (Gamache) Chouinard; a daughter, Madeleine Fernandes of Springfield; a sister, Berte Lavoie of Fitchburg, and two grandchildren. The funeral and burial were both in Canada.

Robert Richardson

Robert H. Richardson, 44, of 115 Mort Vining Road, Southwick, died Tuesday, October 10, in St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, Conn.

Born in Maine, he lived in Southwick for eight years and was a member of the Methodist Church. He leaves his wife, Sharon (Morin) Richardson; a son, Mark A., at home; a daughter, Dona, at home; his parents, Earlon and Wilhelmina Richardson of Maine; three brothers, five sisters.

Mr. Richardson was an iron worker for the Berlin Steel Co., Berlin, Conn.

The funeral was Saturday in Dover Foxcroft, Maine, with burial in Sebec Corners Cemetery, Sebec, Maine.

Our Town



by Linda McQuade

My husband went to Westfield the other day to get his driver's license renewed. He walked into the registry, signed a piece of paper, looked at pretty colored letters in a machine, and had his picture taken. It cost him ten bucks. That was it. Nothing to it. Once you get a driver's license, unless you do something really horrible, you've got a ticket to the streets forever. No wonder there are so many crazy people on the road...

Got my new Farmer's Almanac in the mail Saturday. Says we can expect our first sighting of the white stuff between the 15th and 18th of November and also predicts up to ten inches of snow around Thanksgiving. Swell...

SOUTHWICK SOAP: Will Sondra get her voice back? Will Vivian give it back?

Who is the "Pizza King"? How many tires does a cruiser have? Who's minding the pound? And can water run uphill? Stay tuned...

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Pat Guevin



OPEN MEETING LAW

As of October 11, 1978, any governmental body that finds it necessary to go into executive session to discuss the character, reputation, physical or mental condition of, rather than the professional competence of an individual, or to consider the discipline or dismissal of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public office, employee, staff member or individual, now has to comply with new provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

Chapter 372 of the Acts of 1978 have changed the nature of executive sessions. The new law requires that the individual in question be given at least 48 hours written notice of the proposed executive session, unless the notice requirement is waived by the party involved. The new provision also stipulates that an open meeting must be held if the individual involved requests it.

If an executive session is held, then the individual in question has certain rights: (1) to be present at such sessions, (2) to have council of his choosing, and (3) to speak in his own behalf.

The Open Meeting Law will make the back-stabbing behind closed doors a thing of the past. Individuals will no longer have their rights violated by not being able to defend themselves against the charges against them. Members of governmental bodies who hold such executive sessions will no longer be able to make unsubstantiated charges, allegations, or insinuations about an individual without having to face that individual.

What this all means is that those individuals who, in the past, have enjoyed the freedom to manipulate other people's lives to suit their personal needs and satisfactions will no longer be able to hide behind the cloak of "executive session." This, we're sure, will upset some of those in power who don't have the courage to face those they choose to accuse. It most certainly will find more people doing their homework before making allegations that, in the past, they might not have been able to substantiate. It won't cause concern among those individuals who have made it a point to be fair and act conscientiously in the performance of their duties, be it in executive session or open meeting.

Town Hall Bulletin Board

Conservation Commission

The Agawam Conservation Commission in conjunction with the Natural Resource Planning Program will meet Tuesday, October 17, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Administration Building Hearing Room, 36 Main Street, Agawam.

Planning Board

The Agawam Planning Board will meet on Thursday, October 19, 1978, at 7:30 p.m., in the Town Administration Building Hearing Room, 36 Main Street, Agawam.

Conservation Commission Public Hearing

Pursuant to the Provisions of General Law Chapter 131: Section 40, the Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Administration Building Hearing Room, 36 Main St., Agawam on October 26, 1978, at 7:30 p.m.

This hearing is called to act on a Letter of Intent submitted by Mark V Development, at South Westfield Street and South West Street to perform work under the name of Mark V Development at South Westfield and South West Street.

CARRIERS NEEDED Agawam

ROUTE 5

Maple St. (150- O'Brien's Corner), Spencer St., Oak Hill Ave., Begley St., McGrath Ter., Springfield St. (Walnut O'Brien's Corner)

ROUTE 18

Cooper St. (Brien - Rt. 57), Tracy Dr., Karen Willowbrook Dr., Wrenwood La., ROUTE 18A Holland Drive, Old Mill Rd., Mill St. (Rt. 57-Suffield St.), Silver Lake Dr.

Southwick

ROUTE 3

Summer, North Lake, Lakemont, Bungalow, Veteran, Woodside Circle, Part of Point Grove Road

ROUTE 4

Miller, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Shore, Gillette

ROUTE 7

Sefton, Shirley, Renny, Capt. Fowler Apts., Route 57 Nos. 9-32

ROUTE 9

Oak, Island Pond Rd., Echo, Boyce, Berkshire Ave. Nos. 58-74, Evergreen, Wood

ROUTE 10

Grandview St. & Rd., White, Berkshire Nos. 1-48

Petition Drive Under-Way to Save Center Library

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

A petition containing more than 100 signatures calling for the Town Council to fully fund and staff the Agawam Center Library has been posted in the Town Clerk's office at the Agawam Town Hall. This, according to town resident Priscilla Peterson, will save the town's central library from closing once the newly-built Central Library is opened in the near future.

The petition drive, which was begun recently by Mrs. Ruth Dennis and Mrs. Peterson, is steadily accumulating signatures towards the goal of saving the Agawam Center Library on Main St., a branch of the Agawam Public Library System. The following is stated across the top of the library petition, which has been in public view for the past few weeks:

We, the undersigned, want the Agawam Center Library at 733 Main Street to remain open as a branch library of the

Agawam Public Library System to be funded by monies from the yearly budget of the Town of Agawam. We do not want the Center Library to close after the new building on Cooper Street is opened.

Mrs. Priscilla Peterson, who is assisting Mrs. Dennis in the promotion for the Center Library to remain, stated that "the Center Library is easily accessible and a short distance from many homes in Agawam," among other reasons she listed as assets for the library on Main Street.

"You know, it's pretty well-known that the Main Street area is a densely settled part of Agawam, while it's only 500 feet from an elementary school," Mrs. Peterson stated, referring to the position of the Center Library in relation to the ratio of population throughout Agawam. She continued, "Especially with the growing rate of school

children not being able to read, the Center Library offers the opportunity needed for Agawam's children."

Mrs. Ruth Dennis, an Agawam resident in charge of the petition, invites any town resident interested in seeing the petition may do so any time in the Town Clerk's office during daily business hours. According to Mrs.

Dennis, keeping the library open at its present location would allow senior residents as well as the youth of Agawam to use the facility.

According to Mrs. Peterson, one of the main points the petition drive has brought forth is that the original nameplate carved in cement above the door of the Main Street library reads "Agawam Public Library"

not the "Agawam Center Library" as it is presently named. "Many people don't realize it, but the original name given to the library is the Agawam Public Library, which is carved in cement above the doorway, now partially covered by vine growth," Mrs. Peterson said. She explained that the main objective of the drive is to keep the library open to the

public, as the original title given to the building stated.

The new library, which is located on Cooper Street adjacent to the high school, is expected to open in the middle of December. Townspeople interested in obtaining copies of the petition should contact Mrs. Peterson, 51 Monroe St., Agawam.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 17, 1978

Community Grange Meeting
Grange Home, No. West St., Feeding Hills
8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 24, 1978

Agawam Historical Association Meeting
Captain Charles Leonard House
7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 26, 1978

Ladies Aid Society of the Agawam
Congregational Church
Chicken Pie Supper
745 Main Street, Agawam
5 & 6:15 p.m.
Public Invited
Reservations Required

OCTOBER 27 & 28, 1978

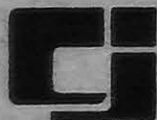
Country Fair Bazaar
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10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (10/28)

OCTOBER 28, 1978

VFW Halloween Party
VFW Post 872
Point Grove Rd., Southwick
7:30 p.m. - Midnight

OCTOBER 28, 1978

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AGawam Baptist Church
Main Street, Agawam
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Crime Watch: Community-Wide Program

by Linda McQuade

Crime Watch, a community wide program designed to reduce all types of crime and increase citizen security, has recently been adopted by the Southwick Police Department. The aim of the program is to educate the public, through the local police departments, on how to protect themselves and their property from criminals. It is part of a state-wide crime prevention program funded by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

Officer Robert Grimaldi was named by Police Chief Charles Wolfe to head the program. Grimaldi recently graduated from the first 80-hour training course for crime prevention officers and will

begin conducting eight-hour instructional courses for other members of the department.

"The first two projects we hope to initiate in the near future are the Neighborhood Watch and Operation Identification," Grimaldi said. He said the town will be sectioned into "neighborhoods" and members of the department will meet with these groups to acquaint the people with the program and its intent.

"We want to make the residents aware of the program and the security measures they can take to protect their home and business," Grimaldi said. "Security lighting is the most significant deterrent to crime.

We will be discussing that and other security measures which can be taken by the home and business owner," he said. "We will also report the degree of security which can be expected by a particular item and the expense of that item."

"The intent is to form closely knit neighborhood groups which will be able to protect themselves and each other, including the reporting of strange cars and suspicious persons in the area."

Grimaldi said the police department will also offer a free security survey for each home and business upon request. Once at the home or business establishment, the officer will identify security factors and offer recommendations for such things as alarms, doors, lighting, and locks. Any home or business owner desiring a security survey may call the police station for an appointment.

"It's self-help community crime prevention education," Grimaldi said, "and it has been proven in other states that it does work."

Under Operation Identification, the police department will be obtaining engraving devices which will be made available to the public so that personal property items can be marked.

"The entire program is based on community involvement," Wolfe said. "We want to make residents aware that crime is not just a police problem. It is also a community problem which must be addressed by every citizen acting individually and in concert with neighbors and police. We will be working closely with the people of Southwick to instruct them on how to prevent the criminal from operating," Wolfe said.

"The answer to preventing crime is not adding more men to the police department," the chief said. "The answer is the cooperation of the people."

Wolfe attended a two-day seminar in August which was held to inaugurate the crime prevention program in the state. "I was enthusiastic about the program from the beginning," Wolfe said. "And I know that with the help of the people, this program will work in Southwick."



Crime Prevention Officer Robert Grimaldi shows Police Chief Charles Wolfe some of the literature and decals which will be available through the "Crime Watch" program in Southwick. photo by Linda McQuade

Highway Dept. to Have Mobile Radios

The Southwick Board of Selectmen has accepted a bid from Kemo Communications for three mobile radio units for the Highway Department. The radios are designed to increase the efficiency of the department in emergencies as well as in routine operations.

The Kemp bid of \$793 per unit was accepted over a Motorola Communications bid of \$894 per unit.

Kemo Communications will supply three General Electric 25 watt radios for the department, and the price includes installation and a one year parts and maintenance warranty in compliance with the selectmen's specifications.

Board chairman Nuchi Prifti said the radios will enable the highway department to communicate with personnel while on the road and with the police department, especially during snow plowing and sanding operations.

In other business, Prifti said the highway department has completed the resurfacing of Granville Road and is preparing to penetrate Iroquois and Smith's Beach Road and the lower portion of Summer Drive.

He also reported that planting has begun in the Memorial Park, and the lease

for the new Senior Citizen Center on Point Grove Road is being prepared by Town Counsel Joseph Rodgers.

The Board also recommended that the Youth Commission meet with them to clear up a misunderstanding about the proposed move of the Youth Center.

In August, the Commission reported that a larger facility would be made available within the same shopping center and that they would like to relocate the youth center to the larger facility.

The rent for the larger facility would be \$25 more per month than the present facility, and the commission began soliciting donations to offset the increase. According to assistant youth center director Melissa Cote, the commission thought the Board of Selectmen had approved the move.

However, according to the board minutes of August 16, the selectmen rendered no decision on the matter. The meeting has been scheduled to determine the need for larger quarters and to determine how the commission proposes to pay for the increase in rent now and in the future.

The selectmen also accepted the resignation of Anthony and Sally Santucci as town dog officers.

Join the Cindy Singers

The Cindy Singers are in full swing again for the '78-'79 season, making this our sixth season. A large variety of music is performed by this group, including oldies, popular, show tunes, and religious numbers. Their motto is "Have Riser - Will Travel." If you supply the hall

and piano, they will entertain. Want to join? All voices are welcome and can meet on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. for 4-part harmony at the Suffield High School, Mountain road, Suffield.

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According to board members, the procedure for reporting suspected poisonings is as follows: After dialing the number, give the name of the suspected poison which has been ingested and the current symptoms being experienced by the victim.

The operator will then feed the information into computers programmed by the American Medical Association and within seconds, the procedure for immediate treatment will be given which could include an antidote to neutralize the poison and advice on whether further medical treatment is necessary.

Welcome Kevin Patrick!

Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Shively of 33 Berkshire Ave., Southwick announce the birth of their third son, Kevin Patrick. Kevin was born on October 9 and weighed 5 lbs., 8 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coon of West Springfield. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ward Shively of Southwick.

The Shivelys other children are Todd Christopher, age 5, and Scott Michael, age 21 months.

VFW Plans Veteran's Day Program

Plans for the Veterans' Day program are being formulated by the Southwick VFW Post 872. A parade is planned with a memorial service at the Veterans' Monument in the Town Common. All organizations are invited to participate and may call Commander John Sheehan or William Alamed, Sr. for details.

Historical Society to Meet

The Southwick Historical Society will meet on Thursday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Consolidated School cafeteria. Following the business meeting, Superintendent of Schools Louis Josselyn will speak on "The Man Who Lost America." Refreshments, under the direction of Thelma Montovani, will be served after the program. All townspeople are invited to attend.

VFW Halloween Party

The annual VFW Halloween party will be held on Saturday, October 28 at the VFW Post 872 on Point Grove Road. A family-style roast beef dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. and there will be dancing from 9 to midnight.

Tickets are now available and can be obtained by calling the Post Home after 6 p.m. any evening or from any VFW member.

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American Legion Plans Joint Installation

Installation of officers of American Legion Post 338 and Auxiliary will be held Friday, Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the post home. Oliver Chase will be installed as commander. Outgoing commander is Dante Molta.

Other officers to be installed are first vice commander, Albert Williams; second vice commander, William Alamed, Sr.; adjutant, Robert Peebles; finance officer, Ralph Vecchio; chaplain, Dante Molta; service officer, Harmon Smith, Jr.; historian, Maurice Rutherford; sergeant-at-arms, Thomas Rood; judge advocate, Carlo Tagliavini; house committee, Harmon Smith, Jr.; Bernard Yelin, and Norman Crowley.

The Hampden County Officer Patrick Fitzgerald and the installing team will install the newly-elected officers, with William Alamed, Sr. serving as masters of

ceremony.

Mrs. Mona Bogusiewski will be installed as president of the auxiliary. Other officers are senior vice president, Mrs. JoAnn LeBeau; junior vice president, Mrs. Nancy Most; secretary, Mrs. Juliette Morin; treasurer, Mrs. Eleanor Crowley; sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Ora Tingley; chaplain, Mrs. Marie Alamed; historian, Mrs. Charlotte Glennon; executive committee, Mrs. Evelyn Yelin, Mrs. Madeline Molta, and Mrs. Margaret Smith.

Mrs. Enid Donahue, past county director and past president of the West Springfield unit, will be mistress of ceremonies. Auxiliary officers will be installed by the director and the installing team of Hampden County. The public is invited. Refreshments and dancing will follow the installation.

Departmental Meeting Slated

The Southwick Board of Selectmen has announced that a departmental meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the west cafeteria of the Powder Mill School.

The selectmen have invited all members of all town departments, boards, and commissions to attend this meeting. Events of the past fiscal year and plans for the coming year will be discussed. The board has also invited Town Counsel Joseph Rodgers to discuss the Tort Act.

Southwick Fire Log

10/7/78 Saturday
Ambulance, Berkshire Ave. to Noble Hospital, 1:35 a.m.; Ambulance, Granville Rd. to Noble Hospital, 8:45 p.m.

10/8/78 Sunday
Ambulance, College Hwy. to Noble Hospital, 1:25 a.m.; Ambulance, Point Grove Rd. to Noble Hospital, 5 p.m.; Ambulance, Point Grove Rd. to Noble Hospital, 5:30 p.m.

10/10/78 Tuesday

Ambulance, Depot St. to Noble Hospital, 5:35 p.m.; Point Grove Rd. to Noble Hospital, 10:05 p.m.; chimney fire, Brayton Dr.

10/11/78 Wednesday

Ambulance, Depot St. to Noble Hospital, 8:30 a.m.; Brush fire, Grove St.

Southwick Police Log

10/7/78 Saturday 8:39 p.m.

A vehicle operated by Thomas R. Wynegar, 19, of 16 Pineywood Rd., was travelling east on Granville Rd. when it went off the pavement, struck a utility pole and rolled several times before coming to a stop. Wynegar was transported by town ambulance to Noble Hospital with head injuries. He was later transferred to Mercy Hospital. Also transported to Noble were passengers James Wynegar, 17, with a broken leg, and Donald Garvey, 18, with facial lacerations. A second vehicle operated by Glenn N. Gilbert, 20, of 25 Collins Ave., Westfield, and also travelling east on Granville Rd. struck the utility pole knocked into the street by the Wagner

vehicle. The accidents were investigated by Officer Robert Laughlin.

10/8/78 Sunday

Michael A. Donponte, 33, of 205 Burr St., New Haven, Conn. was arrested at the American Legion Motocross for being disorderly. Arresting officer was John Cebula.

10/8/78 Sunday 5:09 p.m.

A vehicle operated by Kenneth W. Grout, 19, of 10 Pierce St., Enfield, was travelling south on Point Grove Rd. when it went off the pavement at the curve, struck a utility pole and continued into a field. Passengers Doreen Starr, 19, and Chad Wilby, 7, were transported by town ambulance with facial cuts. Grout was cited for speeding. Investigating officer was Roger Cataldo.

10/10/78 Tuesday 10:48 p.m.

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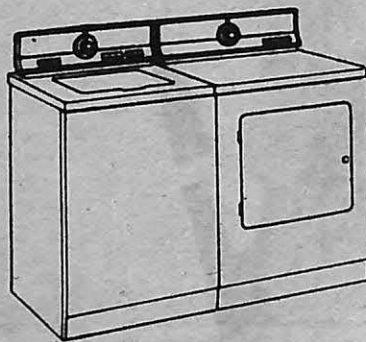
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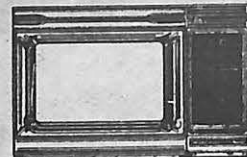
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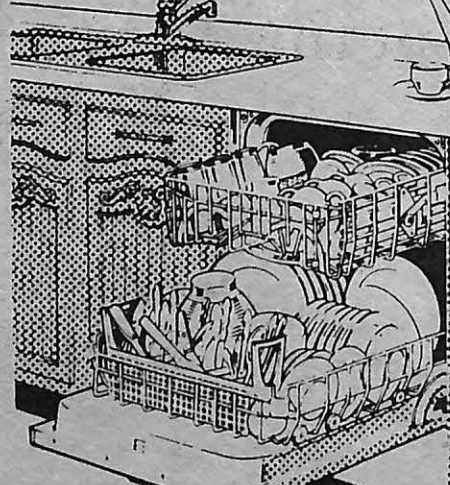


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A Trib Romeo

by Lynn Arnold

On October 26th, a testimonial will be held in honor of Chief Romeo Borgatti. The testimonial, which is given by the people of Agawam, will take place at Chez Josef in Agawam. After 32 years of service to this community, Chief Borgatti has decided to retire.

During his 32 years of service, Chief Borgatti has done a fine job for Agawam. He has worked himself up through the ranks of the police department, starting as patrolman and now retiring as its chief. His has been a success story in every sense of the word.

and setbacks, the life and death situations, and just about everything else that makes a policeman a policeman.

He made sergeant in 1954. During this time, he served as a guard for Senator John Kennedy when he visited Agawam in 1958. Then after he attended Officer Staff School in Framingham, Massachusetts in 1960, he made captain in 1964. He was made acting chief in 1975. For the next three years, he was acting chief and then chief of the police department until he announced his retirement earlier this year.

He began his career in 1947 when he made patrolman. During these years, he was present for many improvements in the police department, for the better protection of the citizens of Agawam. For example, Borgatti was a patrolman when Agawam received its first resussitator for the town ambulance in 1950. Since 1947, he has lived every day as a policeman, experiencing everything a policeman's day might hold. He has been there for the day to day regulations and routines, the growth and improvements, the failures

In 1975, along with five other ranking officers of the police department, he broke from the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local 376, and formed the Agawam Police Supervisors Association. This was done out of the feeling of losing out, of not getting the proper representation for the ranking officers. It was a brave thing - to break from the status quo and strike out on your own, but this has always been a characteristic of the Chief.

During his years as acting Chief and Chief, he contributed



1950: First Recussitator presented to police department. Romeo Borgatti, is 4th from the right. Former Police Chief Reed is thrid from right.



1978: Borgatti Announces Retirement



1947: Patrolman Borgatti

oute To Borgatti

greatly to the running and operations of the Agawam Police Department. He set out to reorganize and to make alterations in the very structure of the police department.

He restructured and made some reassignments in the detective bureau - his aim was to have a more rigid structure present here through younger and more educated police officers. He added civilian dispatchers. He added new radio techniques and upgraded the code system used. He formed a traffic bureau - the first in the history of the department. It's purpose, to cover accidents and other traffic related events, control radar, and finally, to serve as a back-up force to the regular force. He set up a reserve volunteer police unit to work on neighborhood patrols, to combat vandalism and house breaks. He also formed a Department of Internal Affairs, to investigate the complaints of citizens and policemen alike. He set up a Police-Citizen Information Exchange for the exchange of ideas with the public. The purpose here was to directly involve regular citizens with the operations of the police

department. He also added a canine control division to the Agawam police department. The Police dog is used for surveillance of buildings, crowd control, narcotics surveillance, and finding lost persons.

He was striving to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the police department, and hoping to give new varied services to the people of Agawam. A police department should be set up to work as well as it possibly can. A good police chief tries to accomplish this task. Chief Borgatti has been a good police chief.

As Chief Borgatti retires, the citizens of Agawam have the opportunity to look back, see his contributions and offer him thanks for a job well done. I am sure all the citizens of Agawam join us in thanking Chief Brogatti for his many years of valuable service to this community and wishing him success and happiness in the future. As of this point in time, his future plans are indefinite, but no matter what he does, we can feel sure he will do it well.

Thank you, chief, for the years you have spent in the public's service, for the fine job you have done, you will be most certainly missed!



1960: Officers Staff School, Framingham, Mass. Borgatti is in top row, 3rd from left.



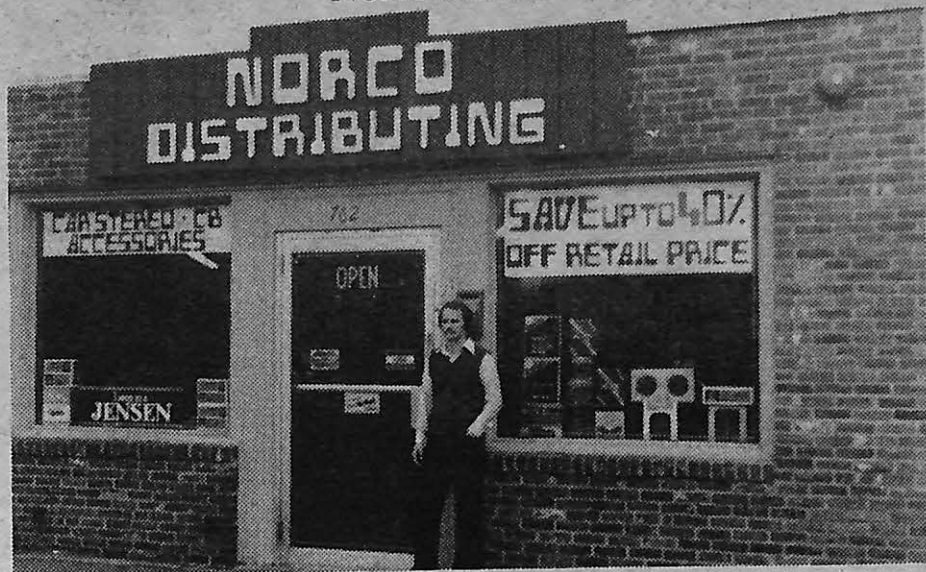
1976: St. Patrick's Day - State flag is presented to the police department by State Rep. Edward Connelly.



Borgatti begins his career.

Spotlight on Business

Norco Distributing



Richard Norton

For the past four months, Norco Distributing has been servicing their customers at their 762 Springfield Street location. Norco is a wholesale outlet of car stereo, CB and related accessories. Norco also works closely on a wholesale basis with local automobile dealers.

Among the product lines to be handled by Norco are Pioneer, Sanyo, Jensen, Harada, Krickett, BP, Sharp, and Cobra. They are a sub-distributor for Clarion. A full line of accessories is available, including installation of factory-type equipment.

Norco Distributing is

owned and operated by Richard Norton. Rich has related business background as well as being a Public Accountant. He and his wife Joan reside in Feeding Hills with their two children, Melissa, 11, and Kimberly, 9. Rich is a member of the National Association of Accountants.

Agawam Paint and Wallpaper



Pat Batchelder

Agawam Paint and Wallpaper recently opened its doors to the public. Located next to Bruno's Pizza at 801 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, the new store carries a full line of paints (Moore Paint products), wallpaper,

and related accessories for interior and exterior decorating.

Pat Batchelder, owner, has been interested in decorating and designing for several years. Pat indicated that "this gives me the opportunity to

express myself on matters that interest me. I love to decorate and help others with decorating ideas."

Pat resides in Feeding Hills with her husband Carl, a driver for R.M. Sullivan Transportation, and their son Carl, Jr., 11 years old.

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Marge lives in Feeding Hills with her husband and two daughters.

Agawam High Band Captures Trophies

Two trophies were added to the band collection last week when the Agawam High Band took the Best High School Award at the Springfield Columbus Day Parade, and the Agawam High Color Guard took the Best High School Color Guard Award.

Previous trophies from this parade have been won by the band in 1969, 1973, 1974, and 1977. This also marks the third consecutive year for the

color guard to win this event with previous honors coming in 1974, 1976, and 1977.

Many of the band and color guard trophies are kept in a cabinet in the lobby of the high school auditorium with the overflow kept in a special trophy case that was made by former band president John Nascembeni, which is housed in the band room itself. The special graduation award plaques that list the names of

special honor students at graduation time are at present on display at the high school lobby near themain office.

The band and color guard are presently working to complete the field show that will be presented at the Massachusetts State Marching Band Contest being held at Cawley Memorial Stadium in Lowell on Sunday afternoon, October 22.

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ON QUESTION 1

DellaGiustina Rep. Connelly

Democratic state representative candidate Joe DellaGiustina of the 3rd Hampden district has pledged to do everything in his power to help pass Question 1 on the November ballot. DellaGiustina said, "Voting yes on Question 1 (Classification Amendment) is the only way left to stop 100% property valuation. If Question 1 does not pass, every Massachusetts city and town will be forced to go to 100% valuation."

The democrat said he does not understand why his opponent, the present state representative Edward Connelly (R-Agawam) sponsored the 100% property valuation enforcement bill. "Mr. Connelly never thought of us people when he sponsored 100% valuation enforcement. It will raise our real estate taxes \$265 million statewide while it will decrease big business' taxes by the same amount. That means we middle class workers will have to pay a big chunk of big business' share of the tax burden. On top of that, the elderly will greatly suffer since many of their taxes will increase as much as 500%."

DellaGiustina went on to say, "We must vote yes on Question 1 to save our homes. Big business is spending a lot of money to defeat the Classification Amendment. It's time we stood up to big business and self-serving politicians. A yes vote on Question 1 will stop 100% valuation and will kill the Connelly bill. We voters, homeowners and renters alike, must band together to stop this tax rip-off."

DellaGiustina is working with the Vote Yes on Question 1 Committee so anyone willing to work on the issue can contact him at his headquarters at 31 Southwick Street in Feeding Hills Center or call 789-0754.

DellaGiustina is a tax expert and is the senior partner of Abbeitt Accounting Firm. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master of business administration from American International College. He has also earned an advanced certificate in management from the University of Missouri.

He has served two terms as an Agawam Town Councilor and had unearthed town government corruption dealing with the illegal transfers of monies.

The Third Hampden District consists of Agawam, Southwick, Blandford, Granville, Montgomery, Russell, and Tolland.

The image of elected officials, subject to constant criticism by the media which in turn forms public opinion, is bad enough without candidates who run for office using it as a springboard to further personal ambition.

My opponent, Joseph DellaGiustina Jr., has embarked on a campaign based on distortion, inference and sensationalism.

In 1970, the Town of Agawam, complying with a state directive went to full and fair valuation (100% assessment). Our tax rate went from \$97.00 per thousand assessment to \$33.80 per thousand assessment.

When the Commonwealth disbursed money back to the cities and towns, Agawam now was classified as a "wealthy" community, because it's new valuation approached closer to the equalized value set by the State. Result: our Cherry Sheet returns suffered.

In response to my query about this situation to the Commissioner of Taxation, his response was simply that this situation would continue until all cities and towns complied with the Constitutional requirement for full, fair valuation!

Our Board of Selectmen agreed that legislation should be filed to hasten that day. In 1972, I filed an unsuccessful bill to penalize communities not at 100% (full, fair value).

not at 100% (full, fair value). In 1973, I filed similar legislation, but to give credit in the form of additional per capita dollars on the Cherry Sheet to communities which had complied. This also was defeated by Boston legislators.

What I am saying is that I responded as any good legislator should in defense of his district, and followed the direction of elected administrators of Agawam.

My opponent has twisted these actions and has tried to have people throughout the district believe that Rep. Connelly is the sponsor of

the 100% assessment bill!

You have all received a red booklet entitled "Massachusetts Information for Voters 1978," distributed by Secretary of State Guzzi. On page three, under the heading of "Summary," which pertains to Question 1, Property Classification for Tax Purposes, I invite you to note the following: "The Constitution presently requires all property (other than wild lands, forest lands, and certain agricultural and horticultural lands) to be assessed and rated equally at full value for tax purposes."

This is the basis for the Supreme Court decision rendered in favor of the Town of Sudbury vs. Comm. of Mass., in 1974 which has forced all assessors in all cities and towns to comply with the Constitutional requirements, not the Connelly requirement.

Rep. Edward W. Connelly
October 14, 1978

2nd Place Float
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Agawam People

Many Agawam residents had a hand in producing the float which won second place in the Columbus Day Parade held on October 8th in Springfield. A float featuring the Columbus Day queen and her court won first prize.

The theme for the float sponsored by Brage-Iduna Lodge No. 9, Vasa Order of America was "As American as the Comics" and featured "Hagar the Horrible" in a scene complete with the castle tower and catapult. The characters were as follows: Hagar, John E. Sjoborg of West Springfield; Helga, Mrs. Ruth Swanson of East Longmeadow; Honi, Miss Michelle Strom of Agawam; Lucky Eddie, Philip Johnson of Springfield; Hamlet, Chris Wilson of Agawam; and Viking, Joe Wilson of Agawam.

The marchers were as banner bearers Wendy Perrotta (Spfld.), Eric Anderson (E.Long.), Lisa



The Agawam Safe Halloween Committee is pictured above. They are, back row, left to right: George Schlagel, Angela Beaudry, George Wheelock, Paul D'Amato, and Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski. Seated are Jeannie and Dave Clouse. photo by Jack Devine.

Horne (Agawam), and Monica Horne (Agawam); as flag bearers Nollonda Strom (Agawam), Michael Strom (Agawam), Douglas Calvert (Agawam), James Triba (Agawam), Daniel Wilson (Agawam); as favors Anna Wilson (Long.), Graham Wilson (Long.), Mrs. Mildred Runshaw (Spfld.), Mrs. Esther Johnson and Erik (Spfld.).

The Vasa Order of America is a Scandinavian Fraternal organization with lodges in the United States, Canada, and Sweden. The comic "Hagar" seemed a natural selection for the theme of the float. In most states, October 9th is Leif Erikson Day and October 12 is Columbus Day.

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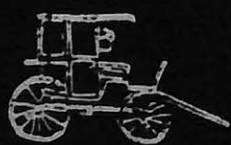
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Sports

Brownie Girl's Soccer Team Makes It Three

by Joanne Anderson

The Agawam girls' high school soccer team came to their third victory of the season against Commerce last Thursday.

The girls started a strong first quarter, ending it in a tie of 1 - 1. The first goal was scored by Lisa Impoco on a penalty kick which deflected into the goal by an opponent.

In the second quarter, Commerce pulled ahead against Agawam's goalie Sherri Baldarelli, but with an assist from Laura Gendron, Kathy Chase seemed to place the ball into the goal to make it a tie score again.

Coming into the third quarter, Commerce seemed to play a good defensive line,

making it difficult for Agawam to score.

Agawam came back in the fourth quarter with five minutes left to play. Picking the ball up at mid-field, Lori Woodruff went down to score with a high kick into the corner of the net, making the score 3 - 2, which put the Brownies ahead. Two minutes later, Kathy Chase again scored with a wing assist from Joanne Hart, ending the game with a final score of 4 - 2.

Although Agawam didn't seem to work up to its potential, they were determined to pull it through in the last five minutes of the game, making good passes and good traps.

Our last four home games will be Oct. 18, 20, and Nov. 1st and 3rd. We still need your support for these games.



The Park & Rec Packers are in first place in the 10-13 division, with a 4-0 record so far this season. The boys pictured are, front row, left to right: Mike Marmo, Paul Heiden, John DePalma, Fred Fruworth, Mike Lunden, and Chris Hall. Second row, same order: Matt Blanchard, Jay Pelley, Dave Hawley, Eric Lunden, and Steve DePalma. Third row, Joe Warren, Shawn Uschman, Curt Casgrove, Joe Bonfitto, Mike Robinson, and Coach Nick DePalma. Absent when picture was taken was Dave Houlihan.

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Agawam AA Team Takes Second in Soccer Tourney

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Saturday morning after the opening ceremonies were completed, the AAA girls faced the Westfield Stars and came away with a 7-0 win. Later that day, they played Marblehead Soccer Association to a well-played, hard-fought 2-2 tie. The girls came back two hours later to face Holy Cross Stars (a team that had been undefeated for two years), and Agawam came away with a win 1-0. At the close of Saturday's competition, Agawam was close to the top with a 2 wins/1 tie record.

Sunday, the girls opposed Brookside Soccer Club and took a one-sided decision 4-0. The girls came back later that day to post a 3-0 win over

Ludlow J.C. and advance into the finals.

The championship game was held at Whitney Park with the AAA girls facing the Wellesley Pellets. The girls played a really super game with Wellesley getting a goal about nine minutes into the first half. This being the only goal scored, the AAA girls came out on the short side of a 1-0 championship score.

After three days of competition and six games, Agawam finished at 4 wins, 1 loss, and 1 tie; they scored 17 goals; they allowed 3 goals against some very fine soccer teams.

Team captains Lisa Chevalier, Diane Goodman, and Jennifer O'Brien presented Jerry Mason, AAA president, the runner-up trophy they had won.

Worthy Ponies To Reunite

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

The Worthy Ponies of yesteryear will ride back into the minds of sports fans during the next week as the Ponies will reunite on the night of October 20 at the Dante Club, Memorial Ave., West Springfield. The Ponies of North Agawam were in operation between the years of 1921 and 1941 with teams participating in the sports of basketball and baseball.

Roland Geoffrion, chairman of the reunion and a member of the Ponies of old, responded enthusiastically toward the Ponies' Fourth Annual Reunion. "Every year we're able to locate more and more former Ponies. We're expecting anywhere between 100 and 150 players at this year's reunion," Geoffrion said. He went on to explain the origin of the team's name, the Worthy Ponies.

"When the team was first started, they got the Worthy part from the old Worthy Paper Company which was located in Agawam. The boys decided on the Ponies part after the professional baseball team located in Springfield at that time called the Springfield Ponies."

Another interesting point brought up by Geoffrion is that the Ponies' home baseball field is now the site of Geoffrion's back yard at 33 Walnut Street, Agawam.

Recalling the Ponies in their better years, Geoffrion described their only near-championship season. "I believe in 1939, we (the Ponies) were runners-up for the Daily News Basketball Tournament championship. That year we lost to Adaskin's Furniture team, a team sponsored by a now-disbanded store that once was on Main Street, Springfield."

Besides organizing their own basketball squad, the North Agawam team also formed a baseball team that competed at the semi-pro level.

Main speaker at this year's reunion will be Peter Meltzer, a noted humorist. Meltzer is known in the sports world as a member of the U.S. Olympic Volleyball committee.

The Worthy Ponies is a non-profit organization and donates all proceeds to a worthy cause. Recipients in the past have been the Basketball Hall of Fame, Agawam Scloderma Fund, and the Kidney Foundation Fund. This year's proceeds will be donated to the United States Olympic Fund.

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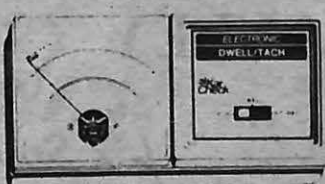
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by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

Former Southwick High soccer star Randy Kimball, who scored both goals for the Rams in the Western Mass. soccer finals last year, will be back in action in the near future for Mitchell after missing the first half of the year's fall soccer season. Kimball, who was out with a painful ankle injury, is expected to become one of the key defensive performers in what is left of this year's season for the defending New England champions.



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Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba



The opening of the bow season for Vermont is Saturday, October 14 and the thousands of out of staters will have a hard time seeing deer. I make this remark without tongue in cheek. From personal scouting and remarks from other hunters, the deer are just not to be had. Hunting will be the norm. In past years the herd was at such proportions that the roadside fields would boast from 5 to 20 deer feeding during the day. Pick the hottest field and set up a blind, either tree or ground, and you had a good chance of scoring. Not so this year. Oh, there may be pockets in some areas that have a concentration of animals, but these will be few and far between.

I scouted the middle part of the state and found a serious lack of deer sign. However, bear sign was evident and I will concentrate in the area for a crack at one.

I met an old friend in a restaurant and he told me about a she bear and her two cubs. Just recently the bear family moved into a local farmers pig pen where an apple tree was located in the middle of it - loaded with apples. The bears moved in and the pigs took off for the woods. After gorging themselves on the apples and wrecking the tree in general, they moved out into a horse pasture. Several horses started to chase the cubs around the enclosure. The she bear sensed a danger to her cubs and she mangled a horse so badly that the farmer had to dispose of it. The bears were last sighted entering a local swamp. This episode took place in the Bradford area. If you are hunting in the area, it might be smart to be conscious of the fact that the bears are still at large and dangerous. There is nothing more ferocious than a female bear with young cubs to look after.

I was invited to stay at a hunting camp owned by Ralph Kamfer of Feeding Hills. I took advantage of the offer while scouting the various spots that produced last year. That evening I opened the windows on each side of the camp for cross ventilation. The windows had screws in them. About two in the morning I was awakened by a noise at one of the windows. I investigated and flashed my light on a racoon who was hanging with one foot on the window sill and the other against the screen. He jumped down and scurried off through the leaves. I jumped back into the sleeping

Palazzi Leads Pics To First Win

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

Center Steve Palazzi of the Springfield Olympics contributed to the 'Pics win over the Tyngsboro Huskies last week with a hat trick, as Palazzi's squad rolled over the Huskies 9-5. Palazzi, an Agawam native, scored three unassisted goals to tally his mark up to seven on the season. The victory marked the first win for the Olympics, who were 0-3 going into the contest with Tyngsboro. The veteran Olympic tallied once in each period, then assisted on two others. Palazzi finished last season with a total of 32 goals at his center position.

Besides making his mark in the NEJHL, Palazzi has a shot at making a lasting impression on the world, as the veteran center recently completed a rigorous, 11-day training period and came out ahead as a prime contender for the United States team that will play in the World Games over the Christmas holiday season.

Palazzi was originally invited to Colorado Springs for a tryout camp two months ago, but didn't actually report for camp until two weeks ago. During camp, he was set through rigorous on and off-ice training, which impressed Junior Nationals Coach Lou Vairo enough to keep the Agawam native in heavy consideration for the U.S. squad.

Vairo scouted Palazzi last week during the Springfield-Tyngsboro contest and seemed impressed with the 'Pic's center's performance. The do-or-die day for Palazzi and dozens of other Junior hopefuls will come during the first week of November when Vairo will notify the prime stickmen



The 10-12 Sacred Heart Sluggers (girls softball) are pictured from left to right, front row: Lisa Krzykowski, Laurie Beaulieu, Sandy Trembley, Jamie Pacella, Dawna Fuller, Kerri Craig, and Darlene Vignato. Second row, same order: Coach Chris Ferrara, Darlene Beaulieu, Lisa Gentile, Susan Lindsay, Gina Frasco, Carol Ribeira, and Coach Sue Craig. Absent when picture was taken were Tracy Pick, and Manager Martha Vanasse. photo by Jack Devine.

who will be skating in Sweden over the Christmas holidays. If Palazzi makes the grade, he'll first have to report to Minnesota on December 20 for a full-team meeting before the long trip eastward.

Other local hopefuls on Vairo's list include Olympics' Tony Pioggia and Steve Hudyka, defenseman and netminder respectively.

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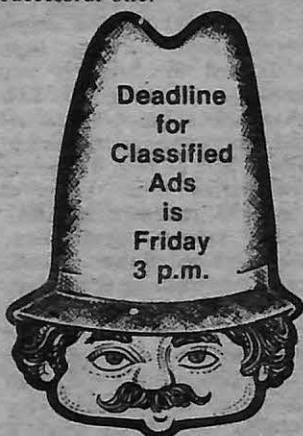
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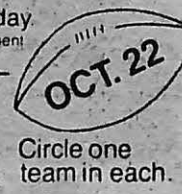
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Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os

Noisy and aggressive, the Blue Jay is a familiar sight at area feeders. Large of frame with a live field measurement of ten to twelve inches, this cousin of the crow and magpie often pushes smaller birds from the feeder. Declaring his supremacy with a raucous "jay! jay!" the scrappy Blue Jay will take on all comers. Aside from the Scrub Jay of Florida, the Eastern Blue Jay is the only jay found east of the Rocky Mountains.

Its coloring is nothing short of stunning. A showy blue, black, and white, this crested species is a study in natural beauty. Its white face is ringed with black, and the short, rounded wings are marked with black and white. There is no discernible coloration difference between the male and female nor between the adult and immature. There is also no seasonal color change.

Even as late as the early nineteen-fifties, it was believed that the Blue Jay did not migrate. Now we know that the Blue Jay does migrate during the day in loose flocks of five to fifty birds. Thus the birds seen at winter feeding stations are not the same birds found during the warmer months, but are migrants from farther north.

Blue Jays can be found in pine and oak forests. They are inveterate hoarders and will often bury acorns and seeds as insurance against winter hunger. Since many of the acorns are never recovered, the Jay assures food for future generations. According to John Gooders, author of *The Great Book of Birds*, "Calculations show that following the last Ice Age, oak

forests spread northwards at the amazing rate of a mile a year, a rate that can only be explained by accidental plantings by the hoarding behavior of these birds."

Predators will not receive a warm welcome from the Jay. He will warn other members of his flock of danger with loud, angry cries. Jays may become the prey of owls and hawks as well as especially stealthy cats. Yet they are not afraid to fight and have even been observed dive-bombing confused, would-be attackers of the feline variety.

Not fussy eaters, the Jay will sample most of the offerings at a feeding station before settling on a steady diet of sunflower seeds and cracked corn. The long beak of the Jay will accommodate two unshelled peanuts carefully positioned. Egg shells, freshly cracked from breakfast, will soon be carried off if set out near the feeder. Jays have been known to raid the nests of other birds to obtain eggs, a practice which has decreased their popularity with some birders.

In April the resident Jay becomes strangely quiet as they take to the forest to build their nests and raise their young. The nest is coarsely built of sticks and lined with grass and feathers. It is well hidden in the fork of a tree, often a conifer, and is from five to fifty feet above the ground. The female lays between four and six brown-spotted green eggs approximately 1.1 to .9 inches.

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buy that is manufactured, and we all have cultivated quite a taste for sugary snacks and desserts. Even in our elementary schools, children eat cake and drink chocolate milk for snacks. It is simply not feasible to expect people never to have any sugar.

Fluoride works to make tooth enamel harder by replacing some of the calcium since fluoride is a harder element than calcium. The acid that is made in the mouth has more trouble breaking down this harder enamel. The best time for fluoride to work is before the teeth are full calcified, which is before eruption and a few years after.

The mouth rinse used in the schools is a 0.2% solution and has been proven to be effective and a low-cost way to reduce significantly the number of cavities.

The Agawam Health Department advises that you consult your own dentist or pediatrician for more information on uses of fluoride.

Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



I am sorry to say that the time has come to say goodbye to summer and warm, cozy days and begin to prepare for the cold weather ahead. Out in the flower garden, many plants have already been blackened by frost. If you grow tuberous begonias in a shady spot somewhere, now is the time to rescue them and allow them to rest. There are few plants more beautiful than the tuberous begonia. Yellow, salmon, orange, pink, white, or red flowers bloom profusely from early summer until frost. Their flowers can be single, double, frilled, or picotee. They will grow on erect stems up to 18 inches tall or in a trailing habit for hanging baskets or window boxes. These tubers are well worth saving. Immediately after frost, the tubers should be dug from the ground, along with the stems and some soil, and put in a warm, dry spot for a week or two, by which time the stems will have dried out enough to separate easily

from the tubers. Shake the soil from the tubers, put them into plastic bags filled with dry peat moss, perlite or vermiculite, and store them at 40 to 50 degrees until next February. Make sure you mark the bags for color of the tuber, so when they are planted out next spring, the colors will be where you want them in the garden. When next February comes, pot up the tubers into pots and let them begin to grow indoors. When the frost season is past next spring, plant them back outdoors again for another season bloom. These tubers will last for many seasons if given this treatment and will produce bigger and better flowers each year.

Rhubarb plants can be divided every five years to keep them producing as they should. A 2-inch layer of mulch during the winter months is a good idea for protection. The old line about rhubarb leaves being inedible isn't an old line at all. They contain acid crystals that irritate the insides of the mouth. So never eat the leaves, only the stalks.

If your tomato plants have been hit by frost and there are still green tomatoes on the vine, don't throw them away. Pull them up by the roots and hang them upside down in the garage or cellar. The tomatoes will ripen just like in the garden.

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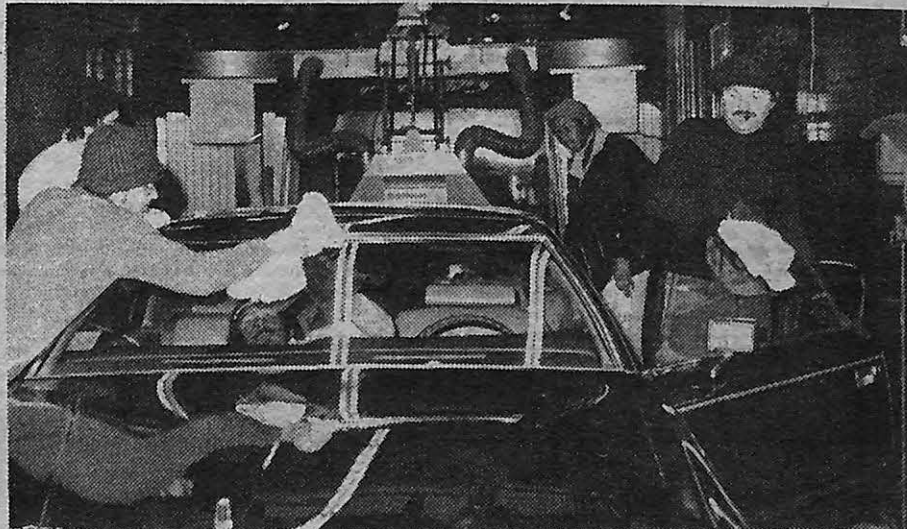
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The conference will be held on Wednesdays between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Oct. 18, Oct. 25, Nov. 15, Nov. 29, and Dec. 20. Those wishing to take advantage of the program may call the Department of Health between 8:30 and 4:30 to schedule an appointment.

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when the kitchen gets hot, they point the finger at everyone else," Chmielewski noted.

Chmielewski stated that, "no one is more concerned with the safety of the kids of Agawam but me," and went on to say that the sidewalks were placed there as a safety device. "The most dangerous time for kids is when they're standing waiting at a bus stop," Chmielewski commented. He went on to say that if children walk to school on the

sidewalks, they are as safe as they can be.

"Before they (the School Committee) commit themselves to anything in the future, I hope they will weigh all of the consequences," the Chief said. He noted that not once has the School Committee called on his department for help or advice in this situation, and that he and his department keep the streets and sidewalks as safe as any police force can.

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